

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 15 wherein at least one engaging portion extends radially outwards.

3. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 15 wherein the engaging portion is arcuate or parabolic in shape.

4. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 15 wherein the non engaging portion comprises a flat face.

5. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 15 wherein the non engaging portion comprises a recess.

6. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 5 wherein the recess is arcuate shaped or parabolic shaped.

7. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 15 wherein the outer face of the engaging portions are inclined at an angle β is in the range 13 to 23°.

8. (Original) A male stud of a snap fastener according to claim 7 where β is in the range 16 to 20°, and preferably about 18°.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously presented) A snap fastener according to claim 16 wherein the attaching means comprises a rivet or post member.

11. (Original) A snap fastener according to claim 10 wherein the post member is mushroom shaped.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously presented) A male stud of a snap fastener comprising a male portion for cooperating with a female portion in use, the male portion comprising a continuous radially protruding flange with a front face that in use engages said female portion; said flange having